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SUBJECT: GENERAL STRIKE IN MARTINIQUE.

1. LONG-PREPARED GENERAL STRIKE BEGAN MARTINIQUE THESDAY FEBRUARY TWELVE. ALL MAJOR MARTINIQUE TRADE UNIONS PARTICIPATING. STRIKERS PROTESTING AGAINST HIGH COST OF LIVING AND RECENT PRICE INCREASES. SPECIFIC DEMANDS INCLUDE IMMEDIATE PARITY WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE IN SUCH MATTERS AS MINIMUM WAGES AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. WIDE-SPREAD DISCONTENT OVER SKYROCKETING PRICES HAS MADE STRIKE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN IS NORMALLY THE CASE IN MARTINIQUE WHERE TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP IS SMALL.

2. STRIKE TURNED NASTY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13 AS GROUPS OF STRIKERS ROAMED STREETS THREATENING NONSTRIKERS AND FORCING NONPARTICIPATING ESTABLISHMENTS CLOSE THEIR DOORS. MOST OF DOWNTOWN FORT-DE-FRANCE SHUT TIGHT. APPARENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN

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SEVERAL CLASHES BETWEEN POLICE AND STRIKERS BUT DETAILS UNAVAILABLE

AT THIS TIME.

3. WHILE OBVIOUSLY INCAPABLE OF BEING EVERYWHERE AT ONCE,
FRENCH MILITARY AND POLICE AUTHORITIES FULLY CAPABLE OF
MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER, NO KNOWN DANGER AMERICAN LIVES OR
PROPERTY AT THIS TIME.
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